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SUBJECT: MODE - TREASURY REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A US POSITION
AT USEC FOR LIAISON WITH CCC

REF: STATE 106526

1. MISSION COMMENTS ON POINTS IN REFTEL FOLLOW:

(A) WHICH AGENCY/SERVICE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE TWO POSITIONS?

MISSION ACCEPTS CUSTOMS DESIRE TO STAFF OFFICER POSITION. WE APPRECIATE CUSTOMS WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE AN FS SECRETARY FILL A CUSTOMS FUNDED SLOT; WE CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT CREATION OF THE OFFICER SLOT BE ACCOMPANIES BY A NEW SECRETARIAL POSITION.

(B) JOB CONTENT. MISSION AGREES WITH CUSTOMS THAT IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE OFFICER SERVE OCCASIONALLY AS A TECHNICAL ADVISER TO MTN DELEGATION IN GENEVA, BUT WE DEFER TO MTN FOR A DEFINITIVE COMMENT ON THIS POINT.

(C) ORGANIZATIONS ARRANGEMENTS. WE ARE PUZZLED BY CUSTOMS'S OBJECTION TO SUPERVISION OF THIS POSITION BY THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR. AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME TO SUPERVISE THIS WORK, MUCH OF WHICH IS TECHNICAL, ON REGULAR BASIS. MOREOVER, MANY OF THE DUTIES DESCRIBED IN POSITION DESCRIPTION BEAR DIRECTLY ON TRADE POLICY AND ARE CLOSELY RELATED TO WORK ALREADY BEING CARRIED OUT BY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND HIS SUBORDINATES, PARTICULARLY THE TRADE POLICY OFFICER. WE CONSIDER IT INEFFICIENT AND POSSIBLY UNPRODUCTIVE NOT TO COORDINATE ALL CUSTOMS AND

RELATED WORK UNDER ECONOMIC COUNSELOR. BY THE WAY, THIS IS POSITION WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY TAKEN SINCE DISCUSSION BEGAN ON THIS JOB; AMBASSADOR IS NOT PREPARED TO CHANGE IT.

WE NOTE THAT CUSTOMS, AND INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON CCC WOULD ORIGINATE MOST OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS OFFICER. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO US AS LONG AS INSTRUCTIONS ARE SENT WITH APPROPRIATE USG CLEARANCE AND THROUGH USG CABLE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE PRACTICAL EFFECTS

OF THIS WOULD BE THAT ON CERTAIN TECHNICAL MATTERS WHOLLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION, CUSTOMS WOULD BE THE ONLY INTERESTED AGENCY AND WOULD THUS BE THE VOICE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

AS TO LEGITIMATE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY CUSTOMS THAT THE HOLDER OF THIS POSITION COULD BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS A REAL PROBLEM. IT POINT OF FACT, BOTH WE AND THE WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT HIS FIRST AND FOREMOST RESPONSIBILITY IS CCC AND CUSTOMS WORK. THE VARIOUS NON-CCC DUTIES NOW INCLUDED IN THE JOB DESCRIPTION ARE CLOSELY TIED TO CUSTOMS INTERESTS. WE JUST WANT IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AT THE BEGINNING THAT IF HIS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES LEAVE THE TIME HE CAN UNDERTAKE SECONDARY RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE TITLE OF CUSTOMS ATTACHE.

(D) GRADE OF OFFICER; QUALIFICATIONS. METHOD OF SELECTING OFFICER OUTLINED IN REFTEL IS ACCEPTABLE TO US. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(E) SECRETARY POSITION. WE WOULD REPEAT OUR VIEW THAT CREATION OF NEW OFFICER POSITION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SECRETARIAL POSITION. THE CUSTOMS OFFICER WOULD OF COURSE HAVE FIRST CALL ON HER SERVICES BUT WE WOULD EXPECT HER TO HELP WITH OTHER TASKS WHEN TIME IS AVAILABLE. IN SAME VIEN ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO HIM IF NECESSARY DURING PEAK PERIODS.

2. OVER THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE RESPONDED FOUR TIMES TO REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS ON THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH DID NOT ORIGINATE HERE. WE ARE CONSEQUENTLY DELIGHTED THAT WASHINGTON WILL DECIDE THE MATTER UP OR DOWN IN THE WEEK BEGINNING DAY AFTER TOMORROW, FOR WE HAVE NO FURTHER OPINIONS TO OFFER. HINTON

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